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A device for controlling delivery of sheets from a stack includes a lift for a stack of sheets. A sheet inserter removes sheets from the top of the stack to move them. A detector detects the front top level of the stack and measures the extent of variations in the level of the stack. A computer receives a measurement from the detector and acts on a first electric motor for the lift to raise the stack. A source of information connected to the computer relates to the supply frequency in real time and to the nominal thickness of the sheets. The computer output is connecting to a sheet supply frequency varying device for controlling the first motor to the lift. The computer is programmed so that the signal at its output is characteristic of the difference between the measured level of the stack and the calculated level thereof. An auxiliary supply device may support and raise the stack, based on the computer program, independently of the lift.